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(PATENT)

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Patent Application of:
Rolf U. Halden

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For: METHODS AND SYSTEMS FOR
SAMPLING, SCREENING, AND
DIAGNOSIS

Confirmation No.: 3669
Art Unit: 1657
Examiner: K. C. Srivastava

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

MS Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir/Madam:

In response to the restriction requirement set forth in the Office Action mailed April 10, 2009, Applicant hereby provisionally elects claims Group II, Claims 11-22, for continued examination without traverse.

The Examiner has required restriction between:

Group I, consisting of claims 1-10, drawn to a device;

Group II, consisting of claims 11-22, drawn to a method;

Group III, consisting of claims 23-26, drawn to a treatment method;

Group IV, consisting of claims 27-33, drawn to a screening method;

Group V, consisting of claims 34-37, drawn to a diagnostic method;

Group VI, consisting of claim 38, drawn to a testing agent detection method; and

Group VII, consisting of claims 39-49 drawn to a method to detect a microbe in a sample with MALDI.

Applicant reserves the right to request rejoinder upon indication of allowable matter and to pursue non-elected claims in one or more divisional patent applications.

FEE AUTHORIZATION

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 04-1105 the fee for One (1) Month Extension for Time of Reply, referencing Docket No. 62589(71699). It is believed that there is no further fee due with this response. However, if a fee is due, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the Deposit Account noted above. Credit of any overpayment to the same account is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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